



ANDOVER

Essex County



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NARRATIVE

Narrative

Located just 20 miles north of Boston at the intersection of I-93 and I-495, Andover is a suburban community of 32 square miles with a population of 29,000. With easy access to the city and Logan Airport, Andover is home to many of the largest high-technology firms such as Hewlett-Packard, Raytheon, Digital, Gillette, and Genetics Institute. In addition to an excellent public school system, Andover also offers the highest quality private schooling opportunities at Phillips Academy and the Pike School. Andover provides big-town service to our corporate residents in attractive campus settings, and a small-town atmosphere in high-quality residential neighborhoods to our family homeowners.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Northeastern Massachusetts on the Merrimack River, bordered by Tewksbury and Dracut on the west, Lawrence and Methuen on the north, North Andover on the east, and North Reading and Wilmington on the south. Andover is 10 miles east of Lowell, 22 miles north of Boston, and 241 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 32.13 sq. miles

Land Area: 31.01 sq. miles

Population: 29,151

Density: 940 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Lawrence Station)

Normal temperature in January.....24.7°F

Normal temperature in July.....72.5°F

Normal annual precipitation.....42.8"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Lawrence, Wilmington, Reading, South Groveland

Regional Planning Agency

Merrimack Valley Region

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Lawrence



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (978) 470-3800

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Town Manager

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1646

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

Number	%
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Total Registered 18,630

Democrats 5,467 29.3 % Republicans 3,991 21.4 % Other parties 5 0.0 % Unenrolled Voters 9,167 49.2 %

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Andover town, Essex County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	31,247	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	31,247	100.0
Male.....	15,060	48.2	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	567	1.8
Female.....	16,197	51.8	Mexican.....	65	0.2
Under 5 years.....	2,062	6.6	Puerto Rican.....	169	0.5
5 to 9 years.....	2,680	8.6	Cuban.....	59	0.2
10 to 14 years.....	2,742	8.8	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	274	0.9
15 to 19 years.....	2,091	6.7	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	30,680	98.2
20 to 24 years.....	885	2.8	White alone.....	28,326	90.7
25 to 34 years.....	2,816	9.0	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	5,787	18.5	Total population.....	31,247	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	5,349	17.1	In households.....	30,948	99.0
55 to 59 years.....	1,800	5.8	Householder.....	11,305	36.2
60 to 64 years.....	1,214	3.9	Spouse.....	7,414	23.7
65 to 74 years.....	1,946	6.2	Child.....	10,802	34.6
75 to 84 years.....	1,327	4.2	Own child under 18 years.....	8,742	28.0
85 years and over.....	558	1.8	Other relatives.....	780	2.5
Median age (years).....	39.5	(X)	Under 18 years.....	208	0.7
18 years and over.....	22,259	71.2	Nonrelatives.....	647	2.1
Male.....	10,412	33.3	Unmarried partner.....	292	0.9
Female.....	11,847	37.9	In group quarters.....	299	1.0
21 years and over.....	21,506	68.8	Institutionalized population.....	268	0.9
62 years and over.....	4,524	14.5	Noninstitutionalized population.....	31	0.1
65 years and over.....	3,831	12.3	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	1,528	4.9	Total households.....	11,305	100.0
Female.....	2,303	7.4	Family households (families).....	8,490	75.1
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	4,558	40.3
One race.....	30,938	99.0	Married-couple family.....	7,414	65.6
White.....	28,621	91.6	With own children under 18 years.....	3,987	35.3
Black or African American.....	234	0.7	Female householder, no husband present.....	848	7.5
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	19	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	478	4.2
Asian.....	1,791	5.7	Nonfamily households.....	2,815	24.9
Asian Indian.....	485	1.6	Householder living alone.....	2,447	21.6
Chinese.....	777	2.5	Householder 65 years and over.....	1,045	9.2
Filipino.....	33	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	4,692	41.5
Japanese.....	96	0.3	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	2,630	23.3
Korean.....	286	0.9	Average household size.....	2.74	(X)
Vietnamese.....	38	0.1	Average family size.....	3.24	(X)
Other Asian ¹	76	0.2	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	11	-	Total housing units.....	11,590	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	3	-	Occupied housing units.....	11,305	97.5
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	285	2.5
Samoa.....	7	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	1	-	occasional use.....	77	0.7
Some other race.....	262	0.8	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.4	(X)
Two or more races.....	309	1.0	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.8	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	11,305	100.0
White.....	28,882	92.4	Owner-occupied housing units.....	8,885	78.6
Black or African American.....	283	0.9	Renter-occupied housing units.....	2,420	21.4
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	60	0.2	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.97	(X)
Asian.....	1,970	6.3	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	1.89	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	34	0.1			
Some other race.....	353	1.1			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 282

Conventional Federal: 0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 10

Federal (Section 8): 127



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

The development of transportation resources in the Merrimack River Valley, where Andover is situated, was shaped by the history of the region as a major site of American industrial development in the nineteenth century. The area has exceptionally good highway and rail facilities linking the major cities and towns to each other and to the port, airport, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Routes 125 and 133, and Interstate 93 and Interstate 495, the outer belt around Boston.

Rail

Commuter service to North Station, Boston, is available from Andover Center (travel time 47-51 min.; 135 MBTA parking spaces) and Ballardvale (travel time 43-47 min.; 105 spaces). The Springfield Terminal Railway provides freight rail service in Andover. Contact number: (978) 663-1073

Bus

Andover is a member of the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority (MVRTA), which provides fixed route service to Lawrence. Trombley Commuter Lines provides commuter service from Andover to Boston.

Other

Lawrence Municipal Airport, located in North Andover, is a Reliever (RL) facility with two asphalt runways 3,901'x 100' and 5,000'x 150'. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision. Flight Line offers van service to Logan Airport, and Manchester Airport in Manchester, New Hampshire.



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

Isham Infirmary

Long Term Care

Academy Manor Of Andover Nursing Home

Philips Andover Nursing Home

Wingate At Andover Rehab

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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